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Source:

To be read in conjunction with exhibits in the

The Sofindus Organization.

Aug 1945.

This organization, Sociedad Financiera Industrial, was started at the beginning of the Spanish Civil War by BERNHARD with a large sum of money supplied by the German Government. It was a Nazi organization, created for the purpose of supplying FRANCO with war materials. Later its function was reversed and it conducted economic exploitation of Spain for the benefit of Germany. During the Civil War it had gained control of many mines, commercial firms and agricultural organizations which it continued to run even after their return to nominal Spanish control. During the Civil War Sofindus operated under the name of Hisma Ltd., Agro was an agricultural branch of Sofindus.

O/Stuf MOSIG was a Gestapo agent who worked under BERNHARD as head of the personnel section (in charge of administration of personnel and also supervising their conduct), MOSER was planted in Sofindus by LINDENBERG's Anti-Nazi Movement. BAECHLE does not know if Sofindus engaged in any intelligence activities.

1939-1945.

Chief of the Sofindus organization for exploitation of Spain, Madrid, was Johannes F. BERNHARDT.

PF. 602,420. BAECHLE
Friedhelm. 8a.
Final Interrogation
Report on BAECHLE,
No. 19. dated
16 Aug 1945.

*Quote date

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20.2.45. Report from T.E.D. re SOFINDUS.

17a.

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18.6.45. Topsec report on organisation and development of SOFINDUS.

18a.

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25.5.45. Extract from Minutes of 20th meeting of the Standing Cttee. of the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

18a.

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19.6.45. TopSecret Report from S.I.S. re the organisation and development of SOFINDUS.

19a.

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5.7.45. From T.E.D. further to 19a enclosing information re four Spanish firms.

20a.

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+ 3.8.45. Extract from DS/DOC I.R. on DOLLAR dated 24.7.45 re SOFINDUS

21ab.

+ 14.7.45. To T.E.D. in reply to 20a.

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+ 9.8.45. Extract from Translation of Statement by SCHELLENBERG on 'I-networks' mentioning SOFINDUS.

21b.

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27.8.45. Extract from statement by SCHELLENBERG, forwarded by Camp 020 re SOFINDUS.

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26.9.45. Extract from U.S.F.E.T. final I.R. on Fritz LACKNER mentioning SOFINDUS.

23a.

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- 4.12.45. Extract from CSDIC (WEA) Final I.R. on ZEIDLER men. 24a.
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- 7.12.45. Extract from copy of D.S.O. Gibraltar report mentioning 24b.
Alois HADESBECK @ HADESBERG.
- 28.12.45. Copy of letter to Economic Warfare Dept. W.1. re HADESBECK. 24c.

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- 17.1.46. Extract from USFET Report dated 12.12.45., on STEIMLE re 25a.
SOFINDUS & the G.I.S. in SPAIN.

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- 17.1.46. Extract from letter from Economic Warfare Dept., Foreign 26a.
Office mentioning HADESBECK.

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- 31.1.46. Extract from letter from Economic Warfare Dept., Foreign 27a.
Office mentioning HADESBECK.

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- 11.3.46. Copy of letter to F. Witty, Esq., S.I.S. re HADESBECK. 28a.

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- 18.3.46. Extract from letter from S.I.S. mentioning HAEDERBECK. 29a.

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- 6.5.46. Extract from letter from S.I.S. mentioning HADESBECK. 30a.

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- 25.7.46. Extract from CSDIC(WEA) BAOR - interrogation of F.W.K.SIMMROSS, - 31a.
referring to SOFINDUS, Madrid.

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Review of W.R.H Files

This file should remain restricted. Serial 16a contains
Top Secret information.

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22.7.47

D. J. Stowers.

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CSDIC (WEA)
BAOR
25. Jul 46

APPENDIX B TO FR 83
ON

SECRET

Friedrich Wilhelm Kraft SIMMROSS

APPENDIX B

BUSINESS HOUSES IN SPAIN WITH GERMAN CONNECTIONS
AND/OR ABW LIAISONS

(Numbers in brackets after personalities refer to Appendix I)

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II. SOFINDUS, MADRID.

4. According to Prisoner SOFINDUS was the Spanish continuation of the firm HISMA (HISPANO-MARROQUI) founded by BERNHARD and CARRANZA (Spaniards) in TETUAN as cover for the support given by GÖRING to FRANCO during the Spanish Civil War. According to Prisoner the LEGION CONDOR later became the official organ and took the place of HISMA, which then became a purely commercial Spanish firm, under the direction of BERNHARD and with German approval and the support of FRANCO, for the purpose of implementing GÖRING's 4-year plan as regards ROWAK, BERLIN.

Independent of SOFINDUS, other purely Spanish concerns of a similar nature were founded, which, however, formed part of the same scheme and were under German control. The aim was to further the economic interests of SPAIN and export a percentage of her products to GERMANY in support of the 4-year plan. Each economic area had an independent firm; SOFINDUS, with BERNHARD at the head, was to speak the Staff.

Prisoner states that the whole SOFINDUS concern worked hand in glove with the German Embassy and the Economic Dept, as well as direct with ROWAK. There were no direct contacts with Abw, but several employees worked for Abw.

a) SOFINDUS, MADRID

Chief: BERNHARD, former chief clerk with H & O WILLMER & Co.

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- b) PIELES SA, MADRID (Furs and leather)
 Manager: KRUSE.
 Assistant: REUSS.
 Chief Clerk: WEISS.
 Branches at TANGIER (Manager MAWICK) and SEVILLE.
- c) NOVA SA, BILBAO
 Manager: SIMMROSS.
- d) MINERALES DE ESPANA SA, MADRID (Metals)
 Manager: BAUER
 Branch Manager at Hendaye: LOHSE
 Branch at IRUN (here also was a branch of SOFINDUS for dealing with frontier traffic of all associated concerns)
 Branches in all metal -producing areas in SPAIN.
- e) AGRO SA, SEVILLE (Agricultural products)
 Branch at large farm JAIME PEREZ (LOS PALACIOS), Manager URBAN, taken over later by PLATE. Prisoner believes that the listening and transmitting stn of IMKER-HORCH was on this farm.
 Branch on a large farm EL BOYAL. This farm went bankrupt through bad management and AGRO gave it up.
 No Abw activity.
- f) MUTANA SA, SALAMANCA (Mines)
 Branches in mining area. No known Abw activity.
- g) TRANSPORTES MARION SA, SALAMANCA
 Transport Company. Had its own transport convoys taking SOFINDUS products from SPAIN to the German frontier.

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Extract for File No.: P.F. 63203 Name: SOFINDUS
 Original in File No.: S.F. 55/Germany/12 vol. 4 Serial: 171a Receipt Date: 6.5.46
 Original from: S.I.S. Under Ref.: CX/ /23/P.5.6.2. 4.5.46.
 Extracted on: 18.5.46 by: JMSJ Section: R.4

Copy of letter from S.I.S.

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Please refer to your letter S.F. 55/Germany/12/B.4.b. of 11.3.46. addressed to

We have now received the following information on Alois HAEDERBECK.
 He is in fact identical with A. HAEDERBECK-ZIERER and the correct spelling of the name is HAEDERBECK-ZIERER.

This man first came to our notice in 1943, when he is described as a Nazi Party chief, aged 24 - 26 and about this time his name was noticed on the SOFINDUS pay-roll and he was believed to be in charge of staff salaries.

In January, 1944, he was reported to be assisting one von HOLLEUFER to organise a terrorist drive against the British and American Embassies, but in July 1945 he appears to have turned against the Nazis.

It is confirmed that HAEDERBECK-ZIERER is earmarked for repatriation as a suspected German agent and is in the one-star category which means that he will automatically be interned on arrival in Germany.

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Extract for File No.: P.F. 63203 Name: SOFINDUS.
 Original in File No.: S.F. 55/Germany/12 Vol. 4. Serial: 169a. Dated: 18.3.46.
 Original from: S.I.S. Under Ref.: CX/ /23 16.3.46.
V.D.
 Extracted on: 18.5.46. by: JMSJ Section: R.4.

Extract from letter from S.I.S.

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Reference your letter S.F. 55/Germany/12/B.4.b. of 11.3.46.

We have no information on record with regard to HAEDERBECK being a German agent beyond the fact that he has been included in the Repatriation List. He may have been proposed for the list by our American Allies. We are enquiring further.

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11th March, 1946.

S.F. 55/Germany/12/B.4.b.

Dear

Alois HADESBECK (or HADESBERG), a Bavarian from Munich who was formerly a Director of the "Phenix-Austriaco" Insurance Company has admitted on several occasions that he was at the same time employed directly by the Nazi Government. HADESBECK (or HADESBERG) caused the expulsion from Spain of X, during the early years of the war. HADESBECK (or HADESBERG's) closest Spanish friend and confident is Juan GRACIAN, a strong pro-Nazi.

HADESBECK (or HADESBERG) has lived in Spain for many years and is said at present to be sharing an office with GRACIAN at Calle Zorilla 19, Madrid.

We are informed by Economic Warfare Department that a certain A. HAEDERBECK-ZIERER of Rafael Calvo 40, Madrid, who they suggest may be the same as the subject of the Gibraltar report, is a suspected German agent who has been proposed for repatriation.

I should be grateful if you could tell me whether HADESBECK (or HADESBERG) and HAEDERBECK-ZIERER are in fact the same and give any information which is in your possession, about him or them.

Yours sincerely,

J.G. Craufurd.

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Extract for File No.: P.F. 63203. Name: SOFINDUS.Original in File No.: P.F. 601,816. Serial: 20b. Dated: 17.1.46.Original from: USFET Under Ref.: None, dated 12.12.45.Extracted on: 5.2.46. by: C.M.H. Section: W.R.H.4.CG, Seventh Army Final Interrogation Report on Eugen STEIMLE......
THE GIS IN SPAIN:
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3. "SOFINDUS": semi-official Spanish-German trade agency, led by BERNHARD, Johannes, SS Oberfuehrer (Details are contained in Appendix #7). BERNHARD was mainly a commercial executive within this corporation, but also a Amt VI representative. The Amt VI mission within SOFINDUS went under the name "GRILLE", and was headed by SS Sturmbannfuehrer MOSIG, who thereby became the main co-ordinator of all intelligence activity within SOFINDUS. The information obtained through SOFINDUS was not as important as that obtained through the Polizei-Attache, but SOFINDUS had, in STEIMLE's opinion, great possibilities for development, because it provided easy commercial "covers" for agents. It also had access to high Spanish industrial and commercial circles, and, indirectly, to Allied commercial circles.

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Extract for File No.: P.F. 63203 Name: SOFINDUS.

Original in File No.: S.F. 55/Germany/12 Vol. 4. Serial: 163a. Dated: 31.1.46.

Original from: Economic Warfare Dep: Under Ref.: R291/4 30.1.46.
F.O.

Extracted on: 18.5.46. by: JMSJ Section: R.4.

Copy of letter from Economic Warfare Department.
Foreign Office.

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May I refer again to your letter of 28th December, about Alois HADESBECK (or HADESBERG) and my reply of 16th January.

Following on my letter, Safehaven have passed on to us an item of information about a certain A. HAEDERBECK-ZIERER of Rafael Calvo 40, Madrid, who may be the person to whom you referred. This man is a suspected German agent who has been proposed for repatriation. If you wish it and will let me know

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we can make further enquiries from Madrid.

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Extract for File No.: P.F. 63203 Name: SOFINDUS

Original in File No.: S.F. 55/Germany/12 vol. 4. Serial: 162a. Dated: 17.1.46.

Original from: Economic Warfare Dep: Under Ref: R291/4 16.1.46.
F.O.

Extracted on: 18.5.46. by: JMSJ Section: R.4.

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Copy of letter from Economic Warfare Department,
Foreign Office.

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Your ref: B.4.b/GEN.

Please refer to your letter of 28th December last, about Alois HADESBECK
(or HADESBERG) and Juan GRACIAN.

I am afraid that we have no information whatsoever about these individuals,
P.T.O.

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beyond the fact that the telephone directory gives Calle Zorilla 19, Madrid,
as the address of El Fenix Austriaco and Juan GARCIA, (not GRACIAN).

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APPENDIX No. 7 to Final Interrogation Report of STEIMLE, Eugen, SS Standartenfuhrer, Chief of Gruppe VI B and Abt. Mil. B, RSHA, Berlin, 12 Dec 1945.

The Organization "SOFINDUS" in Spain, and its leader, SS Oberfuhrer BERNHARD

"SOFINDUS" is the name of a semi-official corporation founded during the Spanish Civil War. While STEIMLE does not know too much about the legal structure of "SOFINDUS", it may safely be assumed that the corporation operated under the auspices and guidance of the German Ministry of Economics (Reichswirtschaftsministerium), insofar as German interests in "SOFINDUS" were concerned. The corporation engaged in barter-trade, i.e., the export of Spanish commodities to Germany and the importation of German goods in Spain. "SOFINDUS" may be regarded as an attempt to monopolize semi-officially the important foreign trade of these two countries. STEIMLE is not informed whether or not other companies, aside from "SOFINDUS", engaged in German-Spanish trade nor does he know whether or not contracts of individual business concerns had to have the sanction of "SOFINDUS". "SOFINDUS" had several subsidiary companies. Outstanding was the delivery of Spanish ores, wolfram in particular. STEIMLE believes the corporation also owned mines and plants in Spain. Within the Ministry of Economics (Reichswirtschaftsministerium) it was Ministerialrat (?) BETTKE who handled "SOFINDUS" affairs. Mr. Johannes BERNHARD was the company's manager in Spain. He had an assistant for the commercial branch of the business, but STEIMLE does not know his name. BERNHARD is said to have been a rather unsuccessful merchant in Hamburg. He emigrated to Spanish Morocco and settled down as a business man. There he became acquainted with Franco. At the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War, he went to see Goering at Franco's request. It was in this connection that a German-Spanish "transportation company", for the purpose of movement of Spanish troops from Morocco to the mainland was founded. It would be reasonable to assume that BERNHARD played an important role in the delivery of German war materials to Spain. From that time on, BERNHARD entertained personal connections with Franco and Goering. In any case, the foundation of "SOFINDUS", as well as the appointment of BERNHARD as manager, were based on the Spanish Civil War. Later on, the German ambassador STOHRER eased BERNHARD out of his political position, with the result that BERNHARD had to obtain permission from the German Embassy before he could contact or negotiate with Spanish political agencies. This rule applied up to the end of the war. STEIMLE does not know when BERNHARD joined the SS, presumes that it happened after the end of the Civil War. He did not belong to the SD, but was a member of the "Allgemeine SS" and appeared on the roster of the Reichsfuehrung SS. According to subject's knowledge he was promoted to SS Oberfuhrer in 1944. BERNHARD is about 50 years old. He lived with his family in Madrid and came to Germany on official business only. STEIMLE saw him last in Berlin in the summer of 1944 (July?).

Collaboration between "SOFINDUS" and Amt VI: no collaboration existed in 1943 when STEIMLE assumed office. It was only during the summer of 1943, when BERNHARD happened to be in Berlin and conferred with SCHELLENBERG and STEIMLE that BERNHARD agreed to put his information on politics and economics - gained through social contacts - at the disposal of Amt VI, within the framework of "SOFINDUS". The cover name "GRILLE" for the project was then agreed upon.

SS Sturmbannfuhrer Eugen MOSIG, primarily an Intelligence operator (ND Mann) who had been in charge of Referat VI B 4, was thereupon transferred to Spain as a director of "SOFINDUS". It was his task to exploit the connections and capabilities of "SOFINDUS" for the purpose of gathering political information as well as information on economics. MOSIG started his job about September 1943. Later on he was assisted by a certain LACKNER, who had been a resident in Spanish Morocco before the war. His achievements were poor and he was expelled from Spain in 1944. The organization "GRILLE" had at its disposal a fairly large number of V-men, partly within and partly outside of "SOFINDUS".

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exploited BERNHARD's social connections by frequently attending parties at BERNHARD's home. He also arranged for parties at the BERNHARD home for the purpose of gathering intelligence. Thus it was made possible for the "GRILLE" organization to obtain fairly comprehensive political and economic information not only on Spain but also on England and the US, inasmuch as such information was available to Spanish individuals. All such information was transmitted to the Central Office. In this manner, the Germans were pretty well up to date on conditions in Spain, while information on England and the US was necessarily only sketchy. Until the end of the war, the "GRILLE" organization was unable to establish what might properly be called a real secret service system, and permanent channels to England and the US existed. An explanation for this deficiency would be the youth of the "GRILLE" organization. In any case, "GRILLE" was of great value to Amt VI and an expansion and further development of the organization appeared promising.

BERNHARD's motives in cooperating with Amt VI, in STEIMLE's opinion, was not idealism, but that he saw in it the possibility to strengthen his position in Berlin, particularly with the Ministry of Economics. At the same time, he frequently approached Amt VI for support of some economic plan or other which he liked to describe as of great interest to "GRILLE". This attitude was significant for BERNHARD's character. He is highly qualified, smart and shrewd business man, but there is a great deal of egotism in all he does. In summing up, STEIMLE states his belief that the only basis for an efficient intelligence system, be it in the field of military, political or economic intelligence, is commercial organizations (Wirtschaftliche Organisationen). The collaboration between Amt VI and "SOFINDUS" was the first experiment in this respect.

/s/ George G. Charig
/t/ GEORGE G. CHARIG
Special Agent CIC.

Original in SFSS/Germany/12 vol 4 1616
Copy in P.F. 63203-SOFTNDAS.

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24c

28th December, 1945.

B.4.b./GEN.

Dear Propper.

2 We have received from Gibraltar the following report dated 26.11.45:-

X states that Alois HADESBECK (or HADESBERG), a Bavarian from Munich, who was formerly a Director of the "Phenix-Austriaco" Insurance company has admitted on several occasions that he was at the same time employed directly by the Nazi Government. HADESBECK (or HADESBERG) caused the expulsion from Spain of X, during the early years of the war. HADESBECK's (or HADESBERG's) closest Spanish friend and confidant is Juan GRACIAN, a strong pro-Nazi.

HADESBECK (or HADESBERG) has lived in Spain for many years and is said at present to be sharing an office with GRACIAN at Calle Zorilla 19, Madrid.

I should be grateful if you could tell me anything of Alois HADESBECK (or HADESBERG) or Juan GRACIAN and their connections if any with this country.

Yours sincerely,

J.C. Craufurd.

Arthur Propper Esq.,
Economic Warfare Department,
Foreign Office, Berkeley Square House, W.1.

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1. One of our sources has received a confidential letter from an ex-employee of his called Juan PERIS Martinez, now Inspector with the Cia. de Aseguros "ESPANA" S.A. of Madrid.

PERIS states that Alois HADESBECK (or HADESBERG), a Bavarian from Munich who was formerly a Director of the "Fenix-Austriaco" Insurance Company has admitted on several occasions that he was at the same time employed directly by the Nazi Government. HADESBECK (or HADESBERG) caused the expulsion from Spain of source during the early years of the war. HADESBECK's (or HADESBERG's) closest Spanish friend and confidant is Juan GRACIAN, a strong pro-Nazi.

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EXTRACT.

24a

Extract for File No.: PF.63203. Name: SOFINDUS

Original in File No.: PF.602,490 Serial: 21a. Receipt Date: 4.12.45.

Original from: CSDIC(WEA) Under Ref.: CIB/INT/PF363 Dated: 22.11.45.

Extracted on: 30.1.46. by: MB Section: WRH/4.

Final Interrogation report on Hans ZEIDLER.

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2. ROHWAG, BERLIN

Prisoner states that this concern was the clearing house for all goods bought by GERMANY from SPAIN. A similar concern in SPAIN, called ~~X~~SOFINDUS, was the clearing house for all goods bought by SPAIN from GERMANY. These two concerns existed on the commission paid by the two respective countries on all transactions. Prisoner was asked on various occasions between Jun 42 and Apr 44 by Stubaf MOSIG, Amt VI Wi, Länderreferat for SPAIN, and at the same time a director of SOFINDUS, to intervene in small matters concerning foreign exchange. Prisoner cannot now remember any details, but states that Stubaf MOSIG could probably give more information concerning these transactions.

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31.1.46.

S. Form 81/B.P./5000/7.45.

EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: P.F. 63203. Name: SOFINDUS. 23a
 Original in File No.: P.F. 603,138. Serial: 1a. Receipt Date: 26.9.45.
 Original from: U.S.F.E.T. Under Ref.: 461 (GBI/CIB/Opd) Filed: 19.9.45.
 Extracted on: 31.10.45. by: C.M.H. Section: H.4.

From U.S.F.E.T. Forwarding Final Interrogation Report on Fritz LACKNER,
former agent of RSHA VI B/4 (Spain).

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APPENDIX

Information Obtained from Subject on Sturmbannfuehrer MOSIG, Eugen Walter, Alias IMKER, Chief RSHA VI B/4 (Spain) installed as assistant manager of the SOFINDUS Company and manager of the NON PLUS ULTRA Insurance.

Age: 38.	Eyes: Blue.
Height: 1.80m.	Eyebrows: Blond.
Build: Heavy set.	Nose: Straight.
Face: Oval.	Hands & Feet: Extremely large.
Hair: Blond.	Cynic expression.

Last Residence: No 4, Calle de la Brisa, Madrid. House belongs to Bernardo LEVINGER, a Jewish emigrant from Augsburg. MOSIG dealt in Abwehr Currency, making extremely large profits. Denounced by Subject in Nov. 44, MOSIG was to be recalled to Berlin. However, he managed to repeatedly put off the recall orders and is still in Madrid. A W/T station is hidden on the 3rd floor of LEVINGER's house, from where contact was maintained with Berlin.

BERNHARDT, Johannes F., Oberfuehrer SS, Liaison Officer of the German Embassy Madrid to Generalissimo Franco, installed as General Manager
 /of the

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of the SOFINDUS company, chief of the organization "grille" of the RSHA VI, which engaged in interior Spanish problems. Personal Description:

Age: 50.	Face: round.	
Height: 1.68m.	Eyes: brown.	
Build: Heavy set.	Hair: dark.	Wears glasses.

Owns great property at Denia near Alicante, Spain, with a private W/T station. Art collector, and pseudo-official foreign currency, gold and art dealer of the Reich and its former leaders. Became extremely rich in his service in Spain.

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DIETEL, Erich, agent RSHA VI B/4, installed as assistant manager of the SOFINDUS Company, Madrid. Personal Description:

Age: 36	Face: Round.
Height: 1.65m.	Eyes: Blue.
Build: Slender.	Hair: Light brown.

Personal contacts with the Spanish Phalange and the Spanish Air Corps, also connections with Anglo American circles.

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KALLAB, alias JEAN, Obersturmfuehrer SS, installed as local representative of SOFINDUS Co. at Hendaye acting as courier between Hendays, France and Irum, Spain, facilitating the illegal entry of German agents into Spanish territory. Personal Description:

Age: 32	Face: Oval.
Height: 1.88m.	Eyes: Brown.
Build: Slender.	Hair: Dark.

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APPENDIX "II"

DIAGRAM OF THE SERVICES OF RSHA VI B/4 (SPAIN), Camouflaged as Industrial Organisation: SOFINDUS, S.A. Madrid - Industrial & Commercial Credit Organisation - Oberfuehrer Bernhardt, Sturmbannfuehrer MOSIG, DIETEL, Erich. Obersturmfuehrer KALLAB.....

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Extract for File No.: PF 63203. Name: SOFINDUS. (CR)

Original in File No.: PF 600,561. SCHELLENBERG. V. 4. Serial: 187a. Dated: 27.8.45.

Original from: Camp 020. Under Ref.:

Extracted on: 12.9.45. by: JMH. Section: WRH.

Extract from Translation of statement by Walter SCHELLENBERG, Head of Amt VI of the RSHA, in answer to question - What did he know of I-networks, forwarded by Camp 020.

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SPAIN.

After the expulsion of STEINLE (something on which I had been counting), the organisation of the I-network in SPAIN was much better arranged. Most of the preparatory work for the VI sector had been done by BERNHARDT's organisation with its economic undertaking 'SOFINDUS' (an undertaking controlled by the Reichswirtschaftsministerium and the 4-year Plan), - and by MOSIG. Thanks to the extensive business transactions which he was constantly carrying on with high Spanish authorities and commercial circles, in the interests of the Reich, [BERNHARDT] PF. 602,735 also MOSIG especially, and 6 or 7 commercial assistants trained by the Service - had a good field for finding personnel and opportunities.

Since the SOFINDUS concern commanded large resources of pesetas, it had been possible to make the following arrangement through the appropriate department of the RWM (Reichswirtschaftsministerium) direct: each month a payment of 50,000 RM was made to the RWM in Berlin, and the equivalent in pesetas was placed to our credit on a special account with SOFINDUS in Madrid. The money accumulated in this

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manner was intended primarily for I-funds. This practice was in force, as far as I remember, from the end of 1943 onwards. How much had been accumulated for I-funds in the MIL sector I cannot now remember; but it must have been sufficient for the Service to have existed on it in Spain for several months without any new allocation. (This was an estimate made by JOERGES, and I remember it still). Thus I would put the sum at about 2,500,000 or 3,000,000 pesetas.

The number of I-links in the MIL sector was, comparatively, very high. As well as MIL B, VI WI also was especially concerned (VI WI = the old I WI.) On one occasion STEINLE put the total number to me as 45 links, of which the greater part were equipped with W/T. The number of links belonging to VI WI was comparatively high - over 20 - and this displeased him, for he had no real faith in this work. Details of the key-men in these links are not in my possession. I assume that they were all Spaniards.

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Extract for File No. PF 63203 Name: SOFINDUS

Original in File No. PF 66168 DOLLAR J.C.E. Serial: — Receipt Date:

Original from DSDOC Under Ref. 1.775/DS DOC Dated: 24.7.45

Extracted on 23.1.46 by: AP Section: R4

Cross Ref. to DSDOC report on J.C.E. DOLLAR, German agent

The company SOFINDUS had the monopoly of buying wolfram for Germany from Spain. It was used as a cover for numerous German agents including the Director General of the Company, BERNHARDT and the co-director, MOSIG. The affiliated company in Paris, LABOREMUS, Rue de la Paix 14 (or 16), was used as a postbox for the transmission of letters to the SD and Abwehr. The representative of the company at Hendaye was a

member of the RSHA VI/B/4 and dispatched arms and radios transmitters into Spain clandestinely. This man was called KALLAB. Another employee of the company at Henday, a German called ANGER, was a member of the SD.

A German called WEISS employed at the Societe PIELES, Gran Via, Madrid, an affiliated society of SOFINDUS, was an agent of RSHA VI B/4, and worked under the orders of MOSIG.

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Extract for File No.: PF.63203. Name: SOFINDUS (Society)
 Original in File No. PF.66168 Serial: 37a. Receipt Date: 3.8.45.
 Original from: Interrogation report from Under Ref.: 1775/DS DOC/ALL. Dated: 24.7.45.
DS/DOC on DOLLAR.
 Extracted on: 13.11.45. by: M.B. Section: WRH/4.

Societe SOFINDUS.-

Societe a Capitaux allemands camouflee en societe espagnole ayant pour but l'exportation et l'importation. Traite seulement des affaires tres importantes et generalement avec l'Allemagne.

A eu le monopole des achats de wolfram espagnol par l'Allemagne.

Le stock d'or allemand se trouvant en Espagne a fait l'objet de transactions par la SOFINDUS.

Elle sert de couverture a de nombreux agents du SD (VI B/4) et de l'Abwehr.

Le paiement des dettes de guerre espagnoles a l'Allemagne passe par la SOFINDUS.

Directeur General : MAYWALD

Conseiller technique mais en fait veritable maitre de la Societe :
SS Oberfuhrer BERNHARDT.-

Directeur espagnol : CARUCHO Frederico.

Le compte special de la SOFINDUS est au nom de CARUCHO mais rien ne peut etre sorti de ce compte sans la signature supplementaire de BERNHARDT ou de MAYWALD.

Directeur : Sturmbannfuhrer MOSIG.

Societe filiale de la SOFINDUS A PARIS.-

Societe LABOREMUS - rue de la Paix - 14 ou 16. -

DOLLAR utilisait le courrier de la SOFINDUS a la Societe LABOREMUS pour transmettre ses rapports a NOSEK.

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13.11.45

Hauptbevollmächtigter : Obersturmführer ZINGER
- KRUGER
Employee : Melhe DANDT
Agents : ARNOLD Karl - Ste LLANAS, tissues Madrid WEISS -
Ste PIELES, Gran Via - MADRID - SCHLEIH -
SOFINDUS - MADRID -
DOLLAR AEG
SCHWARTZ
KALLAB - SOFINDUS - HENDAYE

For P.F. 63203 SOFINDUS 21a

14th July, 1945.

P.F. 62955/b.4.b.

Dear Tolhurst,

Please refer to your letter Gen. 1700/4 of 5.7.45.
We have the following information about these firms mentioned:-

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I apologise for the delay in answering your letter
T/E. Gen. 1700/4 of 20.2.45. We have the following information,
additional to that contained in your reports and your letter
T4/9/1A, dated 21.8.41. to H.B.M. Embassy, Madrid.

Dossier 2500. SOFINDUS

Pasch y HERMANOS. The brothers PASCH were reported in
April, 1941 to be the heads of the German Intelligence
Service in Bilbao.

PRODUCTS RESINOSO, S.A. Hermann GAERTNER was suspected
of espionage in Spain.

HOPPE y Cia, Ltda.

Reported in 1941 to be actively engaged in espionage for
Spain. Represents German insurance companies. The German
Consul in Bilbao was a member of the firm.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) J.G. Craufurd.

A.S. Tolhurst, Esq.,
Trading with the Enemy Department,
24, Kingsway,
LONDON, W.C.2.

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With reference to the main report on Sorindas, this did not cover the following concerns:-

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- (1) Aldecoa y Compania
- (2) Fluoruros S.A.
- (3) Corchos de Andalucia S.A.
- (4) Erhardt y Cia Ltd.

These are now dealt with below:-

(1) Aldecoa y Compania. We have been unable to trace this concern.

(2) Fluoruros, S.A. Official sources reported in May 1942 that Fluoruros S.A. was still in process of organisation. The Directors were Rafael Perez, Juan Mans and Perez de Lega. The Company was being formed to work the fluoruros mine in El Berron (Asturias) and later the venture was stated to be a complete failure.

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(formerly Corchos zum Hingst S.A.), Castelar 22, Seville, and branches. Partner Corala zum Hingste (on Black List).

Official sources reported in 1940 that the Cork firm of zum Hingste prior to the Spanish Civil War confined their activities to Portugal where, in conjunction with their Hamburg firm, (H. zum Hingste & Co.) they sold to the German market and Central Europe.

In early 1937 they opened an office in Seville and then acquired a factory at Pregonal de la Sierra (formerly owned by a firm called Conti).

In 1938 the Cork Trade in Spain were under the impression that zum Hingste had tried to move some of the Hisma's Spanish profits into Germany and were caught doing so by the Spanish Authorities. Subsequently zum Hingste himself remained in Lisbon, and it was then reported that Hisma had entered the Spanish zum Hingste firm with their own Capital. A German formerly with Hisma, joined in the Management, together with the previous Manager, Sturmann, both now signing documents, etc. together under a joint Power of Attorney.

Activities: Cork Exporters with branch at Lisbon and Bremen.

(4) Erhardt y Cia Ltd. So far we have been unable to trace any information regarding this concern.

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M.I.5. (Captain G. M. Liddell),

For information:

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For Colonel Vivian.

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Organisation and development of Sofindus.

The following is dated the 21st May and is based on information obtained by reliable and most delicate means from a source in close touch with Bernhardt the German head of Sofindus.

Early History.

(i) On the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in July, 1936, [Bernhardt] who was then living in Spanish Morocco, offered his services to General Franco with whom he had long been on terms of intimate friendship.

(ii) The urgent problem of the moment was transport, and it was therefore decided that Bernhardt should go and see Hitler at Bayreuth to arrange for supplies of transport aircraft and material to be sent to Spain.

(iii) Bernhardt said that Hitler's objects in agreeing to assist Franco were purely political and aimed at establishing a watch over Gibraltar by a friendly power. Goering, on the other hand, insisted that whatever supplies were sent to Spain should be paid for in surplus Spanish products or raw materials.

Formation of subsidiary companies.

(iv) In order to regulate this exchange Bernhardt formed two companies, Rowak in Berlin and Hisma (Compania Hispano-Marroqui de Transportes) in Tetuan. The latter consisted of Bernhardt himself and a nominee of Franco's, a retired naval officer named Fernando Carranza, who, however never took any active part in the business. The name Hisma was chosen by Franco himself, the word "Aereos" after "Transportes" being eventually omitted on the grounds that it would attract unwelcome attention in other countries.

(v) As the exportable surplus available to Nationalist Spain consisted of agricultural produce such as wines, resin, skins, cork and minerals, Bernhardt found it necessary to launch subsidiary companies dealing with each of the items in question. He, therefore, established Agro S.A., Exportadora de Pielles, Cia. General de Lanass, Hermann Gaertner and Minerales de Espana, all under the control of Hisma. In the course of time other companies such as Corchos Zum Hingsta and Scholz Hermanos were either bought or acquired.

Exportation of Spanish minerals.

(vi) It soon became evident, however, that the supply of Spanish goods could not keep pace with German imports, and, in order to remedy this, Bernhardt decided

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to exploit Spanish mineral possibilities, which, in addition, to being one of the most important sources of the country's wealth, were of considerable interest to Germany at that time.

(vii) He set up a number of mining concerns for the purpose of investigating and developing Spain's resources in this respect. A wide field of research was covered by the investment of several million pesetas, and the investigations of German experts brought especially for the purpose. Sofindus are, therefore, at present in possession of one of the most comprehensive mineralogical surveys ever made in Spain.

Formation of Sofindus.

(viii) In due course, Hisma became the largest and probably the most important single factor in the economy of Nationalist Spain, and, in November, 1938, it was replaced by Sofindus (Sociedad Financiera e Industrial), which was to all intents and purposes an organisation virtually controlled by the German government, under the direction of Bernhardt. All the Hisma subsidiaries were taken over, and later others were created chiefly in connexion with mining interests.

(ix) Bernhardt first estimated that present capital assets of Sofindus at 150 million pesetas, but, on taking into account the approximate 1,200 tons of present wolfram stocks, he agreed that 500 million pesetas would be nearer the mark.

(x) When asked if it would be possible to see the books of Sofindus, Bernhardt pointed out that they would not necessarily reflect the true state of affairs as, as in many other cases, they had been faked to conceal certain irregularities from the Spanish authorities.

Copies to: Mr. Cavendish-Bentinck, Service Departments,
R.D.F.O., M.I.5.,
Colonial Office.
British Embassy, Madrid, is being informed.

E.A.B. informed separately.

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(S.C.372)

MOHAMED BOUZID BOUTALEB
LA CONSTRUCTORA S.A.,
EUGENIO RUIZ GUTIERREZ,
LORENZO ZOCCOLA,
DALIA S.A.,
OSCAR EMS DE HUY,
all of Tangier.

The American Embassy, London, forwarded on 17th April, 1945, reports on the above-mentioned, submitted jointly by the British Consulate General and the American Legation, Tangier, in November and January.

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This man has traces - 16/6
- (a) Mohamed Bouzid Boutaleb, Tangier, Morocco, was formerly an Arabic radio announcer in Paris for the Vichy French/German authorities. He is well-known in Tangier and Spanish Morocco whence he returned following the liberation of France. He is still being paid by the German Consul in Tetuan and, it is suspected, may undertake subversive activities in the area. In consideration of his fame and possible activities it is recommended by both Missions that he be included in the Proclaimed and Statutory Lists.
- (b) On November 12th, 1944, a company known as La Constructora S.A. was founded in Tangier by Eugenio Ruiz Gutierrez with a capital of 500,000 French Moroccan francs. The shareholders were Ruiz with 400 shares, Domingo Mata with 50 shares and the Statutory Listed Ricardo Montero Cermeno with 50 shares. There is no doubt that the Statutory Listed German Francisco Mawick Schief acting through Montero was the motivating factor in the company's formation. The firm appears to have sold two houses in Tangier to the Statutory Listed Consorcio Industrial y Agricola de Tangier S.A. (CIATSA) owned by Statutory Listed Francisco Erola. Ruiz was formerly employed by the Tangier International Administration as a draughtsman but was discharged by the Spanish when they assumed control of Tangier. He was at one time interested in the Statutory Listed Gestor S.A., severing his connection with this firm to form La Constructora S.A. In order to stigmatize those who assist the Axis and to restrict the use of German funds and property both Missions recommend the inclusion of La Constructora S.A. and Eugenio Ruiz Gutierrez in the Proclaimed and Statutory Lists.
- (c) On 20th September, 1944, Lorenzo Zoccola was expelled from North Africa as an Axis agent. In order to camouflage his interests which consist of two villas in Tangier, Enrique Coronado, on Zoccola's behalf, founded Dalia S.A. on 19th September, 1944. The capital is 100,000 French Moroccan francs, and the principal stockholder is Coronado who holds 80 shares. Both Missions recommend that Dalia S.A. and that Zoccola be placed on the Statutory and Proclaimed Lists in order to discourage the cloaking of enemy property and to block Zoccola's interest. No recommendation is made for listing Coronado since they consider that he should be given an opportunity to withdraw from Dalia S.A.
- (d) Oscar Ems de Huy is a naturalised American citizen residing in Tangier. His offences consisted of knowingly assigning in May 1944 a lease of business premises to the Statutory Listed Ernst Ballweg and, in September 1944, paying rent to Ballweg through the latter's wife. He was condemned by the Consular Court of the United States at Tangier to six months' imprisonment, this was suspended on the recommendation that his name be included in the Statutory List. H.M. Consulate General, Tangier, concurs in this recommendation.

2. These recommendations do not appear to have been forwarded by H.M. Consulate General, Tangier, to M.E.W. at the time. They are now submitted for consideration.

[American Mission concurs].

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3. The Standing Committee:-

- (a) do not think in existing circumstances a case exists for the inclusion in the Statutory List of Mohamed Bouzid Boutaleb, but would be prepared to list if his hostile activities continue;
- (b) recommend the inclusion of La Constructora S.A. in the Statutory List, but did not think any action need be taken against Eugenio Ruiz Gutierrez;
- (c) were not clear listing Dalia S.A. or Zoccola would have the desired result. They agreed that Enrique Coronado should be given an opportunity to withdraw from Dalia S.A. under threat of listing;
- (d) took note of the fact that Oscar Ems de Huy is an American citizen, and, in accordance with custom, were prepared to follow the American recommendation in respect to him.

S.R. & O. ENTRIES.

R.358/65/2.

BOUTALEB, MOHAMED BOUZID

Tangier, Morocco (Tangier Zone).

LA CONSTRUCTORA S.A.,

42, Rue Docteur Fumey,
Tangier, Morocco (Tangier Zone).

RUIZ GUTIERREZ, EUGENIO,

44, Rue Docteur Fumey,
Tangier, Morocco (Tangier Zone).

DALIA S.A.

Grand Zocco 2,
Tangier, Morocco (Tangier Zone).

ZOCCOLA, LORENZO

Copernico 14, and Faucauld 27,
Tangier, Morocco (Tangier Zone).

EMS DE HUY, OSCAR

Tangier, Morocco (Tangier Zone).

B.1.G.

I fear I cannot give a definite answer to your question.

I imagine that this report should be filed in PF.63203.

Will you give the necessary directions for carding ?

B.4.b.
12.4.45.

J. G. Craufurd
J. G. Craufurd.

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Please card as marked with respective
addresses where given

Dr. Pitt
14/4.

Mr. Craufurd. B.4b.

I am afraid I sent you back the SOFINDUS file without attaching this report. My apologies.

It is astonishing how many of the SOFINDUS employees and addresses seem to have also been employed by the German intelligence service. Do you suppose that the SOFINDUS work done by them was purely notional as cover, or not; in any case it must have been a convenient way of paying them.

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3.4.45.

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P. get up the files, list by list Total names 97.

Reference the attached report ; would you please l.u. the following names, but do not connect traces :

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- Page one, Directorate, all names.
Fredrich PAEGE SANDAU
Francisco MAWICK.
ROWAK HANDELSGESELLSCHAFT, G.m.B.H. and address.
 - Page two All firms on the list except BAQUERA KUSCHE & MARTIN, S.A. which has many traces.
 - Page three All names.
Also the addresses of all the subsidiary firms.

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E. Henderson
pd Mrs. A.M. Pitt.



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Telephone No.:
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to—
"THE CONTROLLER GENERAL."

Your Ref.:

Our Ref.:

T/E Gen 1700/4

24, KINGSWAY,

LONDON, W.C.2.

20 February, 1945.

*B 16. You may like to see
this report about
Sofindus. I should
be grateful for any
comment you may
care to make.
J. G. Craufurd
Pmt
22.2.45.*

Dear Craufurd,

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I enclose for your information a copy of a preliminary note we have drawn up on the German controlled Spanish concern Sociedad Financiera y Industrial S.A. (Sofindus) of Madrid, and its various subsidiaries and associates.

The report is by no means complete and we are still combing our records and those of M.E.W. If, however, you have any further information relating to this firm and its connections, both inside and outside Spanish territory, we should be extremely grateful for particulars thereof.

Yours sincerely,

*R. G. Harding
for A. S. Tolhurst.*

J.G. Craufurd, Esq.,
Box No. 500,
G.P.O.,
Oxford.

*for file
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I attach a preliminary report on SOFINBUS, the German trading organisation operating in Spain. The American Embassy Report (see T.E.GEN.1700/3 attached) provided a jumping off ground for the investigation, but the information contained in our dossier is derived from official reports supplied to M.E.W.

It should be noted:-

1. The report does not cover the following concerns mentioned in the American Embassy Report, but M.E.W. is being probed for information regarding them:-

Aldecoa y Compania
Fluoruros, S.A.
Erhardt y Cia Ltd.
Corchos Andalucia

With regard to MINAS REUNIDAS, it is believed that this concern is controlled by I.G. Farben, and is being dealt with accordingly by Mr. Bailey.

2. Our investigations have elicited that the following firms, not mentioned in the American report, are subsidiaries of SOFINBUS:-

Mawick & Cia Ltd. (Unitas Ltd)
Scholtz, S.A. Hermanos.

B. Hughes

16.2.45.

Mr. Harding.

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FIRM:

SOCIEDAD FINANCIERA Y INDUSTRIAL, S.A. (SOFINDUS)

Avenue Generalísimo 1,
Madrid.TRADING:

The Spanish Company known as SOFINDUS is German controlled.

EVIDENCE:

SOFINDUS was founded in September 1938 in Salamanca, with a Capital of Ptas. 2,500,000. It had at that date an address in Lisbon and later had an address in Seville. Its Head Office is at present in Madrid. We have been unable to trace the holders of the Share Capital.

DIRECTORATE
(now or formerly)

See PF 602,735
Johannes Bernhard Bernhardt, Madrid.
 (German) S.L. 25.6.40.
 See Fernando de Carranza, Madrid (S.L.)
 NT P. Behlker, Madrid X
 NT J. Kelmüller X
 See Ernesto Klingenberg, Madrid X (S.L.) PF 69662
 NT David Dietl X
 NT E. Roller X
 See W. Schuster X
 NT Dietrich Propfe X (B.L.)
 NT Hans Seydlitz X (B.L.)
 See Antonio Wahle X (B.L.)
 NT K. Welland X
 NT W. Zschittasch X
 - Weber
 See Carlos Pesch X (B.L.)
 Spin See Guillermo Pesch X (S.L.)
 NT Hans Ford Meunich X

(With the exception of CARRANZA, it is believed that all the above are Germans).

SOFINDUS is the official German trading company in Spain, acting under the orders of the REICHMINISTERIUM, BERLIN, and having access through the German Embassy to the German credits in the Spanish-German "Clearing" and to other German Government resources in Spain.

SOFINDUS carries out the work formerly done by HISMA S.A. (SOCIEDAD HISPANO-MARROQUI de TRANSPORTES) which was formed on 1.4.1936 in Tetuan. The two partners in HISMA were FERNANDO CARRANZA and JOHANNES BERNHARDT. Herr FRIEDRICH RANG SANDAU was appointed Delegate and Herr FRANCISCO MAWICK, General Manager. The Capital of HISMA was Ptas. 200,000, held equally by Carranza and Bernhardt.

The corresponding company in Germany is the ROWAK HANDELS-GESELLSCHAFT G.M.B.H., POTSDAM PLATZ 1, BERLIN, W.9. whose activities are the same as HISMA/SOFINDUS, only in a reverse sense.

Originally the object of HISMA was sea, air and land transport chiefly between Germany and Spain. The first business deal was concerned with the transport of Iron Ore, etc. from Morocco. At the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War HISMA transferred its headquarters to Seville and also opened several branch offices in various other towns of the Nationalist zone - Salamanca, Valladolid, San Sebastian, etc. The Berlin Office was the firm ROWAK.

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During the Civil War the firm was granted the exclusive right to control all exports from the Nationalist Zone to Germany of minerals and industrial and agricultural products, which gave them the character of a semi-official organisation, and enabled them to make the most fantastic profits. Although the official capital of the concern was ridiculously low, their working capital was never lower than Ptas. 10,000,000.

It appears that in order to obtain exclusive rights for several deals and preferential treatment in Germany, shares were presented to various highly placed individuals, the chief of these being Marshal Goering.

When the profits of the Company reached such a figure as to be a cause of anxiety to the Spanish Government, HISMA was instructed to liquidate and their profits blocked.

On liquidation, SOFINDUS sprang up and continued the work carried out by HISMA, the only difference being that it gives a different name to each one of its branches in various Spanish towns (see below), thus avoiding appearing as one German firm with very high profits -

NT	Agro S.A.	(see page 4)	
NT	La Commercial Andaluza Extrema, S.A.	"	5
NT	Otto Gerdtzen (Tresmafil S.A.) NT	"	6
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NT	Soc. Exp. de Pielos S.A.	"	15
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NT	"Transcomar"	"	20

Suspected subsidiaries &/or close connections			PF 12477
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Apart from German Government resources SOFINDUS is stated to have controlled, through affiliates, assets in Spain amounting to 500 million Ptas. in 1941.

The details which follow regarding the subsidiaries of SOFINDUS have been taken from official reports from Spain contained in the relevant dossiers at M.E.W. In addition there is a list of persons known to have been employed at one time or another by the HISMA/SOFINDUS organisation.

The only assets so far discovered will be found on Page 18.

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PERSONS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ON THE HISMA/SOFINDUS
PAY ROLL.

1/2 Siegfried Kechn Baumast, Madrid
1/2 Federico Kraus, B.L.
1/2 Rudolf Zepp (Acts abroad for SOFINDUS)
1/2 Kurt Stoepel Hornmuth, Madrid
1/2 Oscar Mainz
1/2 Conrado Bechmuller, Bilbao. (Holds P. of A. for SOFINDUS
and acts as Legal Adviser)
1/2 Gregorio Diego, Salamanca (S.L.)
1/2 Margarite Hickmann Birkner, Madrid
1/2 Emil Hink, Madrid
1/2 Jos. Denn Boehnlein (Holds P. of A. in Palma de Mallorca)
1/2 Erich Walter Dietel Schaller, Madrid
1/2 Guillermo P. Doering Fiedler, Madrid
1/2 Karl Egon Dietz, Madrid
1/2 Eugen Koch, Palma de Mallorca
1/2 K. Feuerstock, Seville
1/2 Melitta Kahnmann, Madrid
1/2 Max Kloppe, Madrid
1/2 Gustavo Klose, Madrid
1/2 Walter Koschorreck Buscher, Madrid
1/2 Martin Otto Kruger Mogel, Vigo
1/2 Hermann Jacob, Madrid
1/2 Karl Heinz Jacob Fiedler, Madrid
1/2 Leonardo Hetzer Basedour (employed in Santa Cruz
de Tenerife)

NT u Spain Buerk (German) Galicia
See u [Otto Reuss (German) Madrid] (S.L.) X List 200(74)
1/2 Erich Bruchmann Block, Tolosa
1/2 Theresa Zeis Karfunke, Madrid
1/2 Giese, Erich, Madrid. Mining Engineer.
See u [Hartmann, Werner, Valencia (B.L.) X 403,096.
See u [Horn, Herbert Marco, Malaga (B.L.)
NT Llanos Jornet, Luis, Seville.

32 See u Bruno Lessur, Lisbon (Head of a similar organization in Portugal) S.L. X
(This list excludes those appearing on the Directorate
of SOFINDUS).

AGRO, S.A.,

Gravina 53,
Seville.

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Official sources reported in 1939 that this concern was a German firm, and a subsidiary of Hiss, and it was on these grounds that it was Statutory Listed on 1.1.40.

AGRO deals in agricultural products. Intercepts from HISSOWAK, Berlin, to SOFINDUS, Madrid, confirm AGRO under German control. BERLIN advised SOFINDUS that AGRO was opening a new department, i.e. the raising and cultivation of CHINA GRASS.

NOTE: It may be of interest that LUIS CONSTANTINA, Buenos Aires, shipped FLAX SEED to AGRO in 1942.

LA COMERCIAL ANDALUZA EXTREMA, S.A.,

Peligros 9, Madrid.
Santiago 25, Seville.

Official sources reported that the above concern was formed in Seville in 1937 and was closely connected with HISMA. Statutory Listed on these grounds on 10.2.41.

PAID UP CAPITAL: Ptas. 2,100,000.

CHAIRMAN: Gregorio Diego (S.L.)

ACTIVITIES: Import and export of Wool, Skins and Hides.

Note: DIEGO is Manager of Exportadora de Pieles, S.A., S.L. and is or was an employee of HISMA/SOFINDUS

OTTO GERDTZEN

Calle Urzaiz,
VIGO.

The above is a German national, operating in Spain as a dealer in Machinery and Metal. He acted as the export intermediary during the Spanish Civil War between the SOCIETE DES ETAINES DE SILLEDIA, a French Company, for ORES, etc. which were almost always sold to Germany.

In November 1939 official sources learnt that GERDTZEN was interested in buying Wolfram lying at VIGO belonging to the SOCIETE DE SILLEDIA, and the Manager of the SILLEDIA mines (M. Marechal) was advised that such offers were suspect.

GERDTZEN was Statutory Listed on the 26.3.41 in view of his activities on behalf of Germany and it was thought he was working in close connection with HISMA.

Gerdtzen is the owner of TRESMAPIL S.A. Bilbao, and this concern was Statutory Listed on 23.5.42 on the grounds that it was importing material from the U.K. for transmission to Germany.

COMPANIA GENERAL DE LANA S.A.,

Avenida 10,
Madrid.

Official sources reported in 1940 that this concern was formed in SALAMANCA in 1937 and transferred its offices to Madrid after the fall of the Capitol. It was Statutory Listed on 27.9.40 as being owned by HISMA, and it will be noted that some of the Directors of SOPINDUS were or are on its Board:-

DIRECTORATE AT 1940 - C. Beschmuller
Juan Bautista Barber
Pedro Montojo
Ernesto Jaeger
Ewald Jrusse (S.L.)

In 1942 there were some changes in the Directorate, Beschmuller having retired and others having appeared:-

Don Antonio Wahle (Director of SOPINDUS)
Rodolfo Wahlke - Office Manager
Enrique Ulrich Saul - Technical Manager

Capital of DE LANA Ptas. 2,100,000, and its business the export of Wool and Animal Hair.

Telegrams to HISMA, Berlin, were sent as from "LANA, SOPINDUS, MADRID."

TRANSPORTES MARION, S.A.,

Van Dyck 6, Salamanca.
Branches at Seville, Madrid;
Agencies at Cadiz, Huelva,
Murcia, San Sebastian, Vigo and
Saragossa.

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This concern was statutory listed on 19.11.40 as being German controlled.

Intelligence report dated 6.5.40 stated that TRANSPORTES MARION S.A. was a Transport Company owning a fleet of lorries bearing the mark "HISMA". Other Official Sources corroborated and stated company controlled by HISMA.

The Company was actually formed by

JUAN BARBER and (B.L.)
M.D. JIMENEZ ESCHIBANO (B.L.)

the former acting as Managing Director and the latter as Secretary.

Chairman of the concern is JOAQUIN MIRANDA (B.L.) Civil Governor of Huelva Province, Councillor of Falange, and violently pro-German.

CAPITAL: Believed to be 20,000,000 Ptas.

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CIA MINERA MAURETANIA, S.A.,

Tetuan, Morocco.

The above concern was formed on 30.1.1939 by FRANCISCO MAWICK (General Manager of Hisma) and others.

CAPITAL: Ptas. 10,000,000 held as under:-

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[Johannes E. Bernhardt] (S.L.)	-	2,000,000
Guillermo Pasch Juffernbruch (S.L.)	-	2,025,000
Cerardo Braun Kurts (B.L.)	-	25,000
Hermann Paegge Sandau (S.L.)	-	475,000
Luis Saco Maureso (B.L.)	-	500,000

plus mining concessions, the property of ANGEL AYESTA ARBE, RAFAEL BENET ENRICH and HERMANN PAEGGE SANDAU

CHAIRMAN: - Fernando de Carrenza (S.L.)

MANAGING DIRECTOR: - Hermann Paegge Sandau (S.L.)

Powers of Attorney were given to Dr. Hans Matthaus and Herr Jorge Hoppert.

(It will be noted that the Directorate of this concern and SOFINDUS interlock).

Note: It may be of interest that LUIS GARCIA, European & North African Mines Ltd., Apartado 64, Melilla, cabled European & North Africa Mines Ltd., 30 Lombard Street, E.C.3. re ANGEL AYESTA ARBE (above mentioned). Writer enclosed copy of additional Agreement which he made on behalf of addressees with ARBE, who signed as Director of Minas de Afra, S.A. The Agreement confirms continuation of existing Agreement as from 8.12.43 to 7.12.44. (Intercept dated 4.1.44. Dossier 841).

CIA MINERA MAURETANIA was Statutory Listed on 4.11.40. It will be noted that this concern and Sofindus have interlocking Directors.

MAWICK & CIA LTDA. (UNITAS LTD.)

Cardinal Cisneros 9, Tetuan,
and Alcazarquivir, Morocco.

This concern was Statutory Listed on 19.8.40 as being German controlled. It was registered on 4.4. 0 by FRANCISCO MAWICK, who was General Manager of HISMA.

CAPITAL: Ptas. 400,000

MANAGING Francisco MAWICK Schieff (Director also of
DIRECTOR: Editorial Erola S.A.)
S.L. 14.42.42.

OTHER Alfredo Stussel Schulte (German)
MEMBERS: Gebhard Holtz Egidi (German)

ACTIVITIES: Manufacturers of Flour, Soup-Paste, Beverages, etc.

ESTUDIOS Y EXPLOTACIONES MINEROS MONTANA *See*Gran Via 62,
Bilbao *N. 3-7*

Official sources reported in April 1940 that MONTANA was established by HISMA.

The object of the Company is mining studies and investigations, and for this purpose it has created several companies, among others being the following;— *which are all now administered from Sofindus Madrid address*

- Montañas del Sur, S.A.*
- Ni Cia Minera Sierras de Gredos, S.A.
- Ni Montes de Galicia, Explotadora de Minas, S.A.
- Ni Aralar, S.A. Cie de Explotaciones Mineras
- Ni Ca "Nertobriga", Pregonal de la Sierra (Badajoz).

The Capital of MONTANA is stated to be Ptas. 200,000,000.

Directors: Johannes E. Bernhardt (President)
Guillermo Pasch (Manager)

(Both Directors of SOFINDUS)

MONTANA was Stat. Listed on the 26.6.40 as a subsidiary of HISMA.

Estudios y Explotaciones Mineros MONTANA and MONTANAS Del Sur of SEVILLE are stated to be identical concerns.

Further details are available regarding MONTES DE GALICIA and ARALAR, S.A. as follows:—

(N) MONTES DE GALICIA, EXPLOTADORA DE MINAS, S.A.

Policarpo Sanz 35, Vigo and at Orense.
Regd. address: Ave. Generalísimo, 1, Madrid.

Mining Company, handling wolfram and tin. Operates Verin Mine at Villar de Ciervos, nr. Verin, Orense, bought by German interests about 1938; also Carballo Mine, nr. Corunna, Finisterre; Owner is ABELANDA, a Spaniard, but leased about 1938 to Germans.

This concern also acts as principal receiving agent for minerals coming from Portugal, notably OLIVEIRA & WAMBRUNN, OPORTO, and ROBERTO CUDELL, OPORTO (Stat. Listed 1.1.40), who are both known to be buying Wolfram for Germany and smuggling it into Spain.

CAPITAL: Ptas. 16,000,000.

DIRECTORATE Jose de Aurrecoechea Uriarte (President) (B.L.)
Jose Martinez Ortega (Conde de Agillo) (B.L.)
Fernand Carranza
[Otto Reuss (German) S.L. 22.8.42.] L. 200(74)
D. Propfe (B.L.)

MONTES DE GALICIA was Stat. Listed on 22.8.42 as an affiliate of SOFINDUS.

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ARALAR, S.A. CIA DE EXPLOTACIONES MINERAS

Avenida Generalísimo 1, Madrid, and
at Zumalacarrequi, Tolosa.

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Mining Company; actually exploits, some owned and others rented, the following mines in the North of Spain:-

- Minas de Irun y Lesaca in Irun
- Minas Escolamendi "
- Minas de Kazaola in Kazaola
- Minas Aralar in Monte Aralar, Tolosa
- Coto Minera Derain in Tolosa

DIRECTORATE: Jose de Aurretechea Uriarte (President) (B.L.)
Jose Martinez Ortega (Conde de Agillo) (B.L.)
Bernard Carranza
D. Propfe (B.L.)
[Otto Reuss (German) S.L. 22.8.42.] (1. 200 (74))
Federico Kraus

Stat. Listed on 22.8.42 as an affiliate of SOPINDUS.

See Appendix 11

MINERALES DE ESPANA, S.A.

Gran Via 62, Bilbao,
and Branches.

Official sources reported that this concern was allied to HISMA and MONTANA and was wholly controlled from Germany. It was undoubtedly formed to look after the export of the minerals mined by the other concerns listed above.

Minerales de Espana was Stat. Listed on 7.11.39 and its Manager - JUAN RASKOP - was listed on 23.5.42.

It will be noted that MONTANA, MONTES DE GALICIA, ARALAR S.A. and MINERALES DE ESPANA have all the same address at Bilbao, and that the registered office of GALICIA and ARALAR is the same as SOPINDUS.

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NOVA S.A.
Avenida Generalísimo 13, Madrid and
Grat Concha 13, Bilbao, Spain.

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Official sources reported in June 1940 that the above concern was formed in SALAMANCA by German subjects and is a subsidiary of HISMA. Statutory Listed on the 26.6.40 on these grounds. It will be noted that NOVA S.A. and SOFINDUS have interlocking Directors.

CAPITAL: Ptas. 2,000,000

DIRECTORATE:
 Af 602.735 [Jose Luis Bayo - President (S.L.)
 Jose Maria Amann - Vice President
 [Johannes Eberhard Bernhardt] (S.L.)
 Fernando Carranza (S.L.)
 J. Mv. Herbeck (S.L.)
 PF 69662 [Ernesto Klingenberg] - Secretary (S.L.)
 Juan Reimann - Manager and Representative of Leipzig Fair (S.L.)

OTHER MEMBERS: Hugo M. Leube (German) (S.L.)

ACTIVITIES: Ore Exporters and Importers of goods manufactured therefrom.

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PASCH Y HERMANOS, G. X

Recalde 36,
Bilbao.

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Official sources reported in November 1939 that the above was a concern of great importance and wholly German owned. It was Statutory Listed on the 26.6.40 as being the Representative of MASCHINENFABRIC AUGSBURG, NUERNBERG, but from numerous intercepts it is evident that the firm worked in close connection with SOFINDUS; it will also be noted that two Directors of SOFINDUS and stated to be Partners in PASCH Y HERMANOS :-

PARTNERS: Guillermo Pasch (German) S.L. 7.11.39.
Carlos Pasch (German) B.L.
Otto Luethe

ACTIVITIES: General motor and engineering representations.

Note: Intercept from Pasch, Bilbao to HISROWAK, Berlin.
"Please obtain permit for journey to Spain for my brother-in-law OTTO ERHARDT, Dutch National, Partner in shipping company, ERHARDT & DEKKERS, Rotterdam, to discuss important shipping question."

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SOC. EXPORTADORA DE PIELS, S.A.,

Calle Pozo Amarillo 24,
SALAMANCA, and at Ave.
Jose Antonio 28, Madrid.

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Official sources reported that the above was a Private Company formed at the end of 1936 by a number of persons, mostly Germans, connected with HISMA, and it was on the grounds of being an affiliate of HISMA that DE PIELS was Statutory Listed on 9.8.40.

CAPITAL: Ptas. 2,100,000.

<u>MANAGERS:</u>	Lothar Mans	German
	Ewald Krusse. (S.L.)	"
	Gregorio Diego (S.L.)	"

ACTIVITIES: Exporting Wool, Skins, Shoddy and any products derived from Livestock generally.

NOTE: Official sources reported in May 1940 that ELJO DE MIGUEL DE ZANQUITA ALAMEDA were acting as a cloak for SOC. EX. de PIELS, S.A.

PRODUCTOS AGRICOLAS, S.A. (PRODAG) X

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 Plaza del Gauillo 5, Valencia; X
 branches at Alicante, Seville and Vigo. b.3.1

The above concern was formed on the 15.1.38 before the actual liquidation of HISMA, by whom it was established. JOHANNES KBERHARD BERNHARDT, Director of SOFINDUS, is stated to be the head of PRODAG.

CAPITAL: Ptas. 2,500,000 in 1000 Ptas. Shares.

DIRECTORATE
 (Now or
 formerly)

[Johannes Bernhardt]	S.L.	Pf 602,735
Hans Seydlitz	B.L.	
Christoph Fiesaler	B.L.	
Daniak Herrera	B.L.	
Oskar Wilmer	S.L.	
Federico Caruncho Astray	B.L.	
Heinz Sievers-Breuer	S.L.	
Ernesto Poche	S.L.	
Richard Sulzer	B.L.	
Werner Hartmann	B.L.	
Diedrich Propfe		
Adam Stach		
Oscar Quilms		
Francisco Vasquez Casas		

In addition to BERNHARDT, it will be noted that two other members of the Board of SOFINDUS, Seydlitz and Propfe, also act for PRODAG.

The activities of this concern purported to be the exportation of essential oils and agricultural products, but a secret report dated 5.9.41 stated that the firm had been granted certain privileges which, in fact, enabled it to do anything it liked.

(Statutory Listed 31.5.40 as being under German control, closely connected with HISMA).

In September 1941 Official sources reported that PRODAG had bought a fruit and vegetable preserving factory at GANDIA, from a Spanish concern known as VITAL, for Ptas. 1,200,000. The new company which was formed as a result of this venture was called:-

FRUTAL S/L, Dalmus 1, Gandia

Managing Director	-	Max. E. Foster	(German)
Manager:	-	Carlos Richter	(German) S.L.
Assistant Manager:	-	Malanda Vicent	(Spaniard) B.L.

Various other persons connected with the activities of FRUTAL S/L are:-

Jose Luis Garcia Abriaqueta	B.L.
Miguel Blanc y Hayu	B.L.
Juan Costa y Rust	B.L.
Ernesto Poche	S.L.
Carlos Schneider	S.L.
Guillermo Werner	
Rudolf Schwers	

Note: Intercepted cables during March 1942 confirm that

1. finance for the purchase of the factory came from Germany,
2. FRUTAL S/L also does business under its former name - VITAL S.A.

PRODUCTOS RESINOSO S.A. (HERMAN GAERTNER S.A.) X

Ave. Generalísimo 13,
Madrid. X

The above concern was formed in 1938 and is considered to be a subsidiary of SOPINDUS. It will be noted that ERNESTO KLINGENBERG is on the Board of both concerns.

PF 696²
CAPITAL: Ptas. 2,100,000.

DIRECTORATE: Herman W. Gaertner, Madrid. S.L. 23.8.43.
Juan Antonio Gamazo y Abarea
(Conde de Gamazo), Eibar (B.L.)
Jorge Gaertner S.L.
Ernesto Klingenberg S.L.
Karl Heinz Jacob S.L.

ACTIVITIES: Resin Producers.

Note:

1. Juan Antonio GAMAZO is President of Armas y Municiones S.A. Soc. Aspanola. Director: EDELER, Guillermo (German) and other members of the Board all Germans.
2. GAERTNER ZAVALA CIA LTDS., San Sebastian, is distinct from HERMAN GAERTNER (alias S.A. de PRODUCTOS RESINOSO). The former company is run by a son of HERMAN GAERTNER.
3. There is probably a Branch concern in Hamburg, as many telegrams have been exchanged during the years 1941/44 with Herman Gaertner, Hamburg.

PRODUCTOS RESINOSO was Statutory Listed on 11.1.43.

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RUBIRA BOEHME Y CIA LTDA.
 DECARDED
 25 NOV 1954

Felipe Sanchez 24, Vigo,
 and branches.

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Official sources reported in September 1939 that the above concern was financed by HISMA and it was Statutory Listed on 9.8.40 as being German controlled - financed by Hisma.

CAPITAL: Ptas. 500,000.

PARTNERS: Francisco Rubira (Spanish) - on B.L.
 Franz Boehme (German) - S.L. 9.8.40.

(Rubira is believed to be a Partner without contributing any Capital).

ACTIVITIES: Importation and sale of Chemical and Pharmaceutical products.

Note: It is reported that in 1939 this concern held the biggest stocks of COTON HYDROPHILE in Spain. The company manufactured explosives during the Civil War.

The association of RUBIRA with this concern is thought to have been mainly intended to conceal the German activities of the company.

In 1936 RUBIRA founded a company known as Instituto Bio-quimico Miguel Servet (B.Listed). Manufacturing Chemists.

There is probably a branch or office of this concern in Hamburg, as intercepts show numerous cables exchanged between RUBIRA BOEHME Vigo and Hamburg.

Assets £ 826. n. 7.